

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing Of Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a user interface for defining an electronic message handling rule, the method comprising:

receiving a request to create the electronic message handling rule, wherein receiving the request to create the electronic message handling rule comprises receiving the request to create the electronic message handling rule from a user interface button displayed within an electronic message reading pane;

in response to the request, identifying a context in which the request to create the electronic message handling rule was received wherein the identified context comprises ~~a context comprising~~ one of the following: reading an electronic mail message, selecting a received electronic mail message, selecting an electronic mail message ready to be sent, creating an electronic mail message, creating an alert subscription, receiving a subscription alert, and selecting a name; and

providing a user interface for defining the electronic message handling rule, wherein the contents of the user interface are customized based on the identified context, wherein the user interface for defining the electronic message handling rule comprises,

at least one user interface object for defining at least one condition for the electronic message handling rule, wherein a drop down menu is adjacent to the at least one condition, wherein, in response to selecting the drop down menu, a list of entries displays customized conditions for the electronic message handling rule based on the identified context;

at least one user interface object for defining at least one action to be performed when the at least one condition is satisfied, wherein the at least one action to be performed comprises at least one of the following: displaying a new item alert window, selecting a sound, playing the selected sound, previewing the selected sound, moving an e-mail message to a selected folder, speaking selected text, and previewing the selected text; and

an advanced user interface object for defining the electronic message handling rule that contains all of the possible actions and all of the possible conditions.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim [[2]] 1, wherein the at least one or more user interface object objects for defining the at least one or more condition conditions for the electronic message handling rule are a subset of all of the possible conditions for the electronic message handling rule.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim ~~[[2]]~~ 1, wherein the at least ~~one or more~~ user interface object ~~objects~~ for defining the at least ~~one or more~~ condition ~~conditions~~ for the electronic message handling rule comprise a user interface object for setting a condition for the electronic message handling rule based on the identity of a sender of the received electronic mail message.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim ~~[[2]]~~ 1, wherein the at least ~~one or more~~ user interface object ~~objects~~ for defining the at least ~~one or more~~ condition ~~conditions~~ for the electronic message handling rule comprise a user interface object for setting a condition for the electronic message handling rule based on a subject of the received electronic mail message.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim ~~[[2]]~~ 1, wherein the at least ~~one or more~~ user interface object ~~objects~~ for defining the at least ~~one or more~~ condition ~~conditions~~ for the electronic message handling rule comprise a user interface object for setting a condition for the electronic message handling rule based on the identity of at least ~~one or more~~ intended recipient ~~recipients~~ of the electronic mail message.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim ~~[[2]]~~ 1, wherein the at least ~~one or more~~ user interface object ~~objects~~ for defining the at least ~~one or more~~ condition ~~conditions~~ for the rule comprise a user interface object for setting a condition for the

electronic message handling rule based on the identity of the intended recipient of the created electronic mail message.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim ~~[[2]]~~ 1, wherein the at least ~~one or more~~ user interface object ~~objects~~ for defining the at least ~~one or more~~ condition ~~conditions~~ for the rule comprise a user interface object for setting a condition for the rule based on a subject of the created electronic mail message.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim ~~[[2]]~~ 1, wherein the at least ~~one condition or more conditions~~ for the electronic message handling rule comprise receiving an alert electronic mail message generated as a result of the alert subscription.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim ~~[[2]]~~ 1, wherein the at least ~~one or more~~ user interface object ~~objects~~ for defining the at least ~~one condition or more conditions~~ for the rule comprise a user interface object for setting a condition for the electronic message handling rule based on the selected name.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim ~~[[2]]~~ 1, wherein the at least one or more user interface ~~object~~ objects for defining the at least one condition or more conditions for the electronic message handling rule comprise a user interface object for setting a condition for the rule based on a subject of a received electronic mail message.

16.-17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) A contextually sensitive user interface for defining an electronic message handling rule, the user interface comprising:

at least one or more user interface ~~object~~ objects for defining specifying at least one condition or more conditions for the electronic message handling rule, wherein a drop down menu is adjacent to the at least one condition, wherein, in response to selecting the drop down menu, a list of entries displays customized conditions for the electronic message handling rule based on an identified context, the at least one or more user interface ~~object~~ objects selected at least in part based upon [[a]] the context in which a request to create the electronic message handling rule was received, the context corresponding to receiving the request to create the electronic message handling rule from a user interface button displayed within an electronic message reading pane and wherein the context comprises a context selected from the list comprising one of the following: reading an e-mail message, selecting a received electronic mail message, selecting an electronic mail message ready to be sent,

creating an electronic mail message, creating an alert subscription, receiving a subscription alert, and selecting a name; and

at least one ~~or more~~ user interface object objects for defining at least one action ~~or more actions~~ to be performed if the at least one ~~or more~~ specified condition is ~~conditions are satisfied~~, wherein the at least one action to be performed comprises at least one of the following: displaying a new item alert window, selecting a sound, playing the selected sound, previewing the selected sound, moving an e-mail message to a selected folder, speaking selected text, and previewing the selected text; and an advanced user interface object for defining the electronic message handling rule that contains all of the possible actions and all of the possible conditions.

19. (Currently Amended) The contextually sensitive user interface of Claim 18, wherein the at least one ~~or more~~ user interface object objects for defining the at least one condition ~~or more conditions~~ for the electronic message handling rule comprise a user interface object for setting a condition for the electronic message handling rule based on the identity of a sender of the electronic mail message when the context comprises the context of reading the electronic mail message.

20. (Currently Amended) The contextually sensitive user interface of Claim 18, wherein the at least one ~~or more~~ user interface object objects for defining the at least one condition ~~or more conditions~~ for the electronic message handling rule comprise a user interface object for setting a condition for the electronic message

handling rule based on a subject of the electronic mail message when the context comprises the context of reading the electronic mail message.

21. (Currently Amended) The contextually sensitive user interface of Claim 18, wherein the at least one ~~or more~~ user interface object ~~objects~~ for defining the at least one condition ~~or more conditions~~ for the electronic message handling rule comprise a user interface object for setting a condition for the electronic message handling rule based on the identity of at least one ~~or more~~ intended recipient ~~recipients~~ of the electronic mail message when the context comprises the context of reading the electronic mail message.

22. (Currently Amended) The contextually sensitive user interface of Claim 18, wherein the at least one ~~or more~~ user interface object ~~objects~~ for defining the at least one condition ~~or more conditions~~ for the electronic message handling rule comprise a user interface object for setting a condition for the electronic message handling rule based on the identity of the intended recipient of the electronic mail message when the context comprises the context of creating the electronic mail message.

23. (Currently Amended) The contextually sensitive user interface of Claim 18, wherein the at least one ~~or more~~ user interface object ~~objects~~ for defining the at least one condition ~~or more conditions~~ for the electronic message handling rule comprise a user interface object for setting a condition for the electronic message

handling rule based on a subject of the electronic mail message when the context comprises the context of creating the electronic mail message.

24. (Currently Amended) The contextually sensitive user interface of Claim 18, wherein the at least one ~~or more~~ user interface object ~~objects~~ for defining the at least one condition ~~or more conditions~~ for the electronic message handling rule comprise a user interface object for setting a condition for the electronic message handling rule based on the selected name when the context comprises the context of selecting a name.

25. (Currently Amended) The contextually sensitive user interface of Claim 18, wherein the at least one ~~or more~~ user interface object ~~objects~~ for defining the at least one condition ~~or more conditions~~ for the electronic message handling rule comprise a user interface object for setting a condition for the electronic message handling rule based on a subject of a received electronic mail message when the context comprises the context of selecting a name.

26.-29. (Cancelled)

30. (Currently Amended) The contextually sensitive user interface of Claim 18, wherein the contextually sensitive user interface:

displays a simplified user interface containing a subset of all actions for defining the at least one condition ~~or more conditions~~ and the at least one action ~~or more actions~~ for handling the electronic message; and

provides a second user interface button, wherein the second user interface button is configured to provide an advanced user interface containing all of the possible actions to be performed.

31. (Previously Presented) The contextually sensitive user interface of Claim 30, wherein the simplified user interface contains at least one commonly utilized action to be performed.

32. (Currently Amended) A system for providing a user interface for defining an electronic message handling rule, the system comprising:

a memory storage; and

a processing unit coupled to the memory storage, wherein the processing unit is operative to:

receive a request to create the electronic message handling rule, wherein receiving the request to create the electronic message handling rule comprises receiving the request to create the electronic message handling rule from a user interface button displayed within an electronic message reading pane;

in response to the request, identify a context in which the request to create the electronic message handling rule was received wherein the identified context comprises a context selected from the list comprising one of the following:

reading an e-mail message, selecting a received electronic mail message, selecting an electronic mail message ready to be sent, creating an electronic mail message, creating an alert subscription, receiving a subscription alert, and selecting a name; and providing a user interface for defining the electronic message handling rule, wherein the contents of the user interface are customized based on the identified context, wherein the user interface for defining the electronic message handling rule comprises,

at least one user interface object for defining at least one condition for the electronic message handling rule, wherein a drop down menu is adjacent to the at least one condition, wherein, in response to selecting the drop down menu, a list of entries displays customized conditions for the electronic message handling rule based on the identified context; and

at least one user interface object for defining at least one action to be performed if the at least one condition is satisfied, wherein the at least one action to be performed comprises at least one of the following: displaying a new item alert window, selecting a sound, playing the selected sound, previewing the selected sound, moving an e-mail message to a selected folder, speaking selected text, and previewing the selected text; and

an advanced user interface object for defining the electronic message handling rule that contains all of the possible actions and all of the possible conditions.